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SUBJECT: VISIT OF AT&T OFFICIALS.

AT REQUEST OF MR. SH. MALEK ABHARI, CHAIRMAN OF BOARD
AND MANAGING DIRECTOR, TELECOMMUNICATION COMPANY OF
IRAN, BELL SYSTEM IS SENDING TEAM OF SEVEN PERSONS
TO TEHRAN TO CONDUCT DISCUSSIONS OF POSSIBLE BELL
SYSTEM ASSISTANCE TO THE TELECOMMUNICATIONS COMPANY OF
IRAN (TCI) IN PLANNING AN INTEGRATED TELECOMMUNICATION
SYSTEM FOR IRAN. TEAM WILL BE HEADED BY MR. J. A.
BAIRD, VICE PRESIDENT, ENGINEERING AND NETWORK SERVICES
OF THE AMERICAN TELEPHONE AND TELEGRAPH COMPANY.
IT WILL INCLUDE MR. ROBERT BRIGHT OF THE WESTERN ELECTRIC
COMPANY AND MR. HENRY RICKMAN OF THE AT&T LONG LINES
DEPARTMENT, WHO HAD EARLIER DISCUSSIONS IN TEHRAN
WITH TCI IN SEPTEMBER 1974.

BAIRD WILL BE IN TEHRAN ON FEBRUARY 22 FOR POSSIBLE
PRELIMINARY DISCUSSIONS. TEAM WILL BEGIN DISCUSSIONS
WITH TCI ON FEBRUARY 24, AND WILL PROBABLY DEPART
MARCH 2.

WHILE IN TEHRAN, BAIRD WILL PLAN TO CONTACT EMBASSY AND
OFFER TO BRIEF INTERESTED PERSONS ON DISCUSSIONS.

AMBASSADOR HELMS AND MESSRS. PRECHT AND BREWIN WERE
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